

Applicant: Bonutti et al.
Application No.: 10/795,892
Examiner: A. Wieker

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-22, and 24-30 are pending in the application and are presented for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claim 8 has been cancelled. Applicants believe that the claim cancellation and the accompanying remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that they do not limit the range of any permissible equivalents.

Objections and Rejection

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Specifically, the Examiner stated the articulately mounted second cuff (claim 8) must be shown or the features cancelled from the claims.

The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The Examiner stated that the specification lacks antecedent basis for the subject matter of claims 8.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claim 8 has been cancelled thereby rendering the above objections and rejections in view of this claim moot.

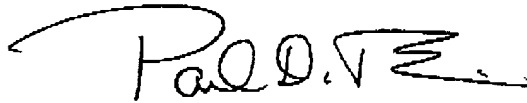
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If any questions remain regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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No fee is believed due. However, please charge the required fee (or credit any overpayments of fees) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 503410 (Docket No. 781-A04-025).

Respectfully submitted,



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